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With respect to Invention #1, Applicant further elects the following subspecies:

Structure

a. Figures 1a-d

Material of Stent

h. Elgiloy



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